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Good morning Sally,
Attached below.

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Best,
Cindy

On Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 9:10 AM, Sally Butts <sbutts@blm.gov> wrote:

Cindy,

Can you email to me the latest monthly and dashboard?

Thanks, Sally

Sent from my iPhone

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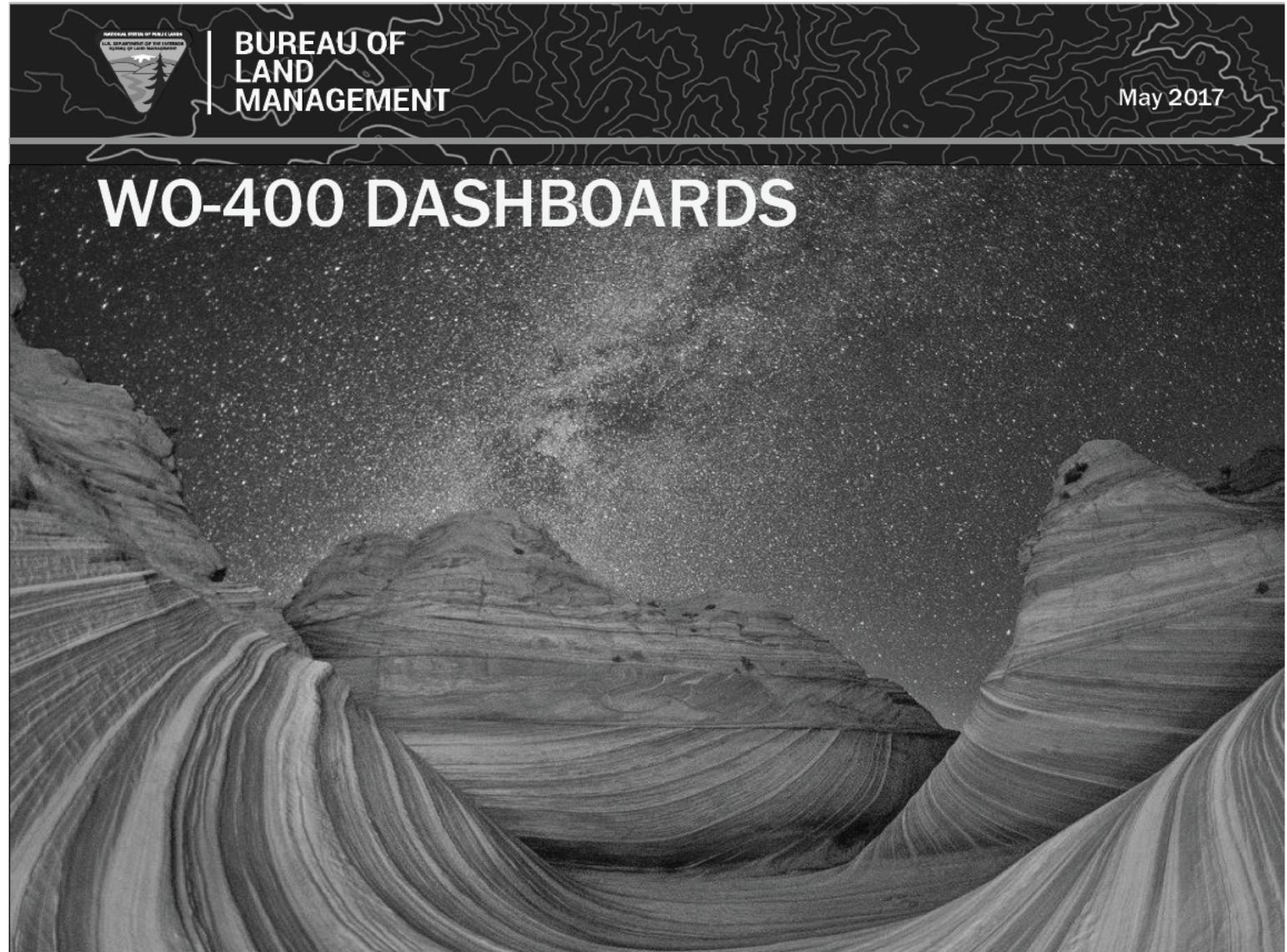




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Key



Complete



On/Ahead of Schedule



Delayed



No Action

ECD: Estimated Completion Date (Final)



Major Project and Policy Development

Updated Monthly

	Status	Contact	Start Date	ECD	Notes
Drupal Conversion/New Website	●	Flynn/Wootton/Schmidt	July 2016	Ongoing	Website is live with expanded content for National Conservation Lands, Education, Volunteers, and Partnerships. WO 400 staff are working on recreation page rollout information and building out Junior Ranger pages.
BLM Travel and Tourism Action Plan	●	West	2013	Summer 2017	Comments received were reviewed and incorporated into the final draft of the Travel and Tourism Action Plan. The Plan is complete, and final formatting is underway by the NOC. The report will be submitted for leadership review and surname in the summer.
National Conservation Lands Report	▲	Wootton	June 2015	TBD	The report is being restructured to focus on state accomplishments. This project is currently on hold.
Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Implementation	●	Fisher	NA	Ongoing	The Office of National Conservation Lands (WO 410) is working with BLM CA to determine management.
50 th Anniversary of the WSR and NSHT Acts	●	Salt/Bailey	Nov. 2015	Dec 2018	Cathi and Deb are working with their respective councils. Communications and marketing meetings continue. The senior Advisory Group (SAG) has been tentatively sanctioned. Preliminary brainstorming with BLM Field Teams is complete. A strategy is being developed.
Manager Reports	●	Cohen	Jan. 2016	Ongoing	Most of the FY16 Managers Reports have been submitted (originally due in Dec. 2016.) The FY2017 IM has gone out to the Field.
Recreation Maps	●	Butts/Cohen	Feb. 2013	Ongoing	Recreation maps are available online. Working with the Division Of Recreation and Visitor Services (WO 250) on next steps.



Major Project and Policy Development

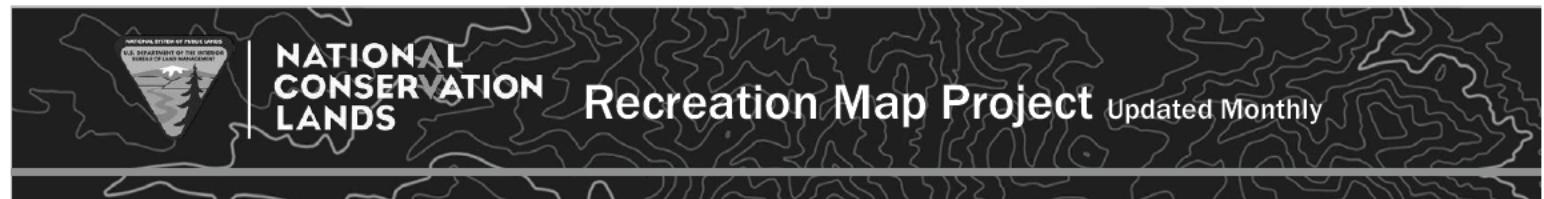
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	Status	Contact	Start Date	ECD	Notes
Junior Ranger Implementation	●	Baldwin	Sept. 2016	Ongoing	April: In conjunction with public affairs and the NOC development of the Junior Ranger communications toolkit, website, and social media campaign is progressing. Banners, publication, and website templates for creating local site-based Junior Ranger programs were developed.
Donations Policy	○	Needham	Sept. 2014	Unknown	Awaiting final solicitor review (final step before signature); review formally requested on Jan. 5, 2017.
Volunteer Manual Section Draft	●	Schnee	Jan. 2017	June 2017	National Lead and Volunteer Program Adjunct Team to provide policy updates and development.
Volunteer Strategy	●	Schnee	June 2017	Sept. 2017	National Lead and Volunteer Program Adjunct Team will refocus on policy updates and development.
Friends Toolkit	▲	Needham	Jan. 2017	April/May 2017	The final will be issued after alignment with existing BLM policy, addressing new issues, and re designing as a web based toolkit.
2016 EIP Program Update	●	Richardson	Feb. 2017	June 2017	Under final review.
Interpretation/Education Manual Section	●	Candelaria	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2017	In coordination with (Acting) Education Program Lead.
Visitor Center Reports	●	Candelaria	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2017	Timeline being developed.
Interpretive Plan Template	●	Candelaria	Dec. 2015	June 2017	National Program Lead working with field team.
Drupal conversion/new website	●	Flynn	Nov. 2016	Ongoing	Website is live with expanded content for Division of Education, Interpretation, and Partnerships (WO 420) programs. Working on page enhancements and features.



National Conservation Lands Training Updated Monthly

	Status	Contact	Start Date	ECD	Notes
National Monuments and NCA Training: Five online modules	●	Nelson	2012	Summer 2017	Content development is complete. Content development is complete and all modules have been submitted to the NTC for web development. Module 1, 2, and 3 have undergone beta testing and WO 410 review. Next steps: beta testing and final WO 410 review of modules 4 and 5, course piloting, posting for internal and external use, and roll out. In person training development has been paused in order to gauge effectiveness of online training material.
Wilderness Study Area Training: Five online modules	●	Nelson	2012	Summer 2017	Content development is complete and all modules have been submitted to the NTC for web development. Next steps: Modules have undergone NTC final review and will be submitted to a contractor for web development. Once web development is completed, there will be beta testing and final WO 410 review of completed modules, course piloting, posting for internal and external use, and roll out. In person training development has been paused in order to gauge effectiveness of online training material.
Wild and Scenic River Training: Twelve online modules	●	Nelson	2012	Summer 2017	One module is fully developed (content and web). Content developed for seven modules and pending web development by the contractor. Next steps: develop content for four modules (complete by March 20 24), interagency review, concurrent beta testing, and final WO 410 review of completed modules, course piloting, posting for internal and external use, and roll out. In person training development has been paused in order to gauge effectiveness of online training material.
National Scenic and Historic Trails Training: Seven online modules	●	Nelson	2012	Summer 2017	Content development is complete for six modules and those modules have been submitted to the NTC for web development. Next steps: Remaining module is under final review by WO410, then will be submitted to the NTC. All modules will undergo final review by the NTC then will be submitted to a contractor for web development. Web development will be followed by beta testing and final WO 410 review of completed modules (concurrent), course piloting, posting for internal and external use, and roll out. In person training development has been paused in order to gauge effectiveness of online training material.



Strategic Goals:

Last 30 Days

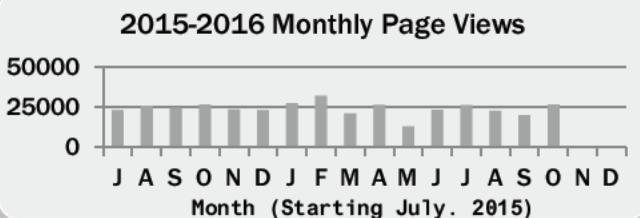
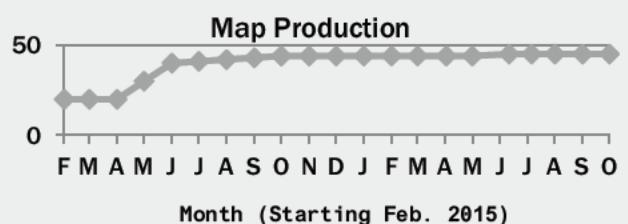
- Working on Drupal content/functionality.

Next 30 Days

- Developing maps for the new monuments. Building out site pages.

Challenges

- Data collection for maps and page views. Website functionality.



Note: page views are not accessible following web launch

Phase	Status	Start Date	ECD	Date Complete	Notes
Data Collection	▲	Ongoing	TBD	TBD	Recreation division currently collecting data for non National Conservation Lands maps and working on mountain climbing pages.
Website Launch	▲	Fall 2016	NA	TBD	We are working closely with 610 and 250 on the new website and including National Conservation Lands content.

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Teams: Interactive Mapping: Ilana Cohen & Dario Lunardi; Static Mapping: Clayton Schmidt & Mattye Walsworth; Website: Kevin Flynn.

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Junior Ranger Initiatives Updated Monthly

Last 30 Days

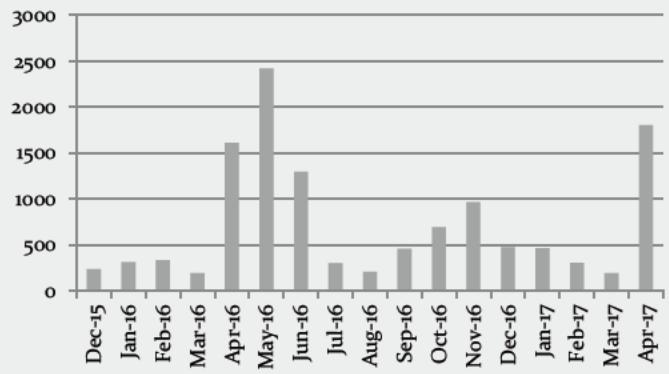
- EKIP was the focus of a BLM Daily article, Tumblr post, and other social media.
- EKIP passes topped 1200 for April.
- Junior Ranger site page template presented to national webteam.

Next 30 Days

- Support development of local/field level webpages at all appropriate field sites.
- Teachers on the Public Lands begins.
- Implement social media campaign.

Challenges

- Development of Junior Ranger websites for all eligible field offices/sites with potential for more than 100 individual listings.
- Develop Bureau wide events for 2017 18.
- Work with NOC, public affairs, and field staff to complete and implement the Junior Ranger communications toolkit.

Every Kid in a Park Passes Issued by BLM


Phase	Status	Start Date	Percent Complete	ECD	Date Complete	Notes
Junior Ranger Communications Toolkit	●	Dec. 2016	85%	June 2017		Toolkit will include marketing materials and messages in addition to guidance for publication and web/social media.
Provide Funding for Field Offices	●	Dec. 2016	100%	May 2017		33 projects identified with support to the field in May.
Streamline Reporting	●	Oct. 2016	50%	June 2017		WO 420 will streamline program reporting and data collection and consolidate multiple reports.

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Junior Ranger Factoids Updated Monthly

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BLM sites preparing to partner with local teachers through the Teachers on the Public Lands program in summer 2017.

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EKiP passes distributed by BLM field staff in Year 2 (starting Sept. 1, 2016)



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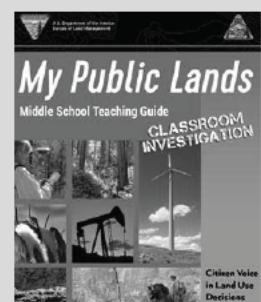
Field level Junior Ranger projects supported by Washington Office.

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Votes for the 2016 Artist in Residence Poster; winner: Watercolor by Jessica Bryant of Idaho

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New Classroom Investigation middle school teaching guide published: "Citizen Voice in Land Use Decisions."





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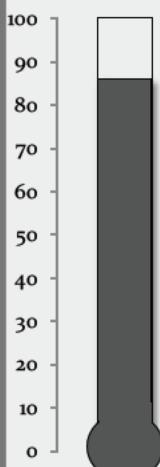
Education, Interpretation & Partnerships Field Accomplishments Updated Monthly

State Office	Hands on the Land Sites	Artist in Residence Sites	National Public Lands Day Sites	Partner-Supported Youth *	EKiP Passes Year 1	EKiP Passes Year 2	Number of Volunteers*	Notes
Alaska	3	1	1	3	1	0	244	
Arizona	6	0	9	80	33	428	1353	
California	16	0	16	26	3293	1256	2263	
Colorado	13	2	21	20	435	211	289	
Eastern States	3	1	3	Nr	239	316	186	
Idaho	6	0	9	17	122	348	150	
Montana/Dakotas	3	2	9	1	1072	308	227	
Nevada	8	2	9	120	653	1422	443	<< NV Doubled EKiP in 1 Month
New Mexico	6	1	5	8	19	4	198	
Oregon/Washington	11	0	18	35	734	513	479	<< Up 300% since April
Utah	6	2	20	11	202	5	253	
Wyoming	6	0	6	2	897	487	76	<< Up from 182 through April
NOC/NIFC/NTC/WO	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	3	
Total	87	11	126	336	7700	5298	6,447	
				1st & 2nd Quarters FY 2017	Year 1: Sept 1, 2015 - Aug 31, 2016	Year 2: Sept 1, 2016 - Aug 31, 2017	1st & 2nd Quarters FY 2017	n/a = not applicable nr = not reported * = updated quarterly
Data reported as of April 21, 2017								



Education, Volunteers, Interpretation, & Youth Employment Reportable Units

Hands on the Land Sites



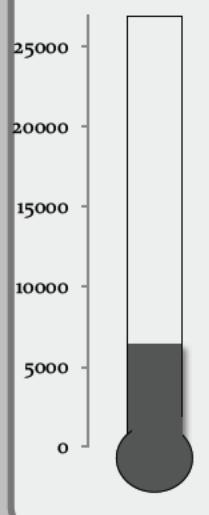
FY 2017
GOAL:
100 Sites

Artists-in-Residence



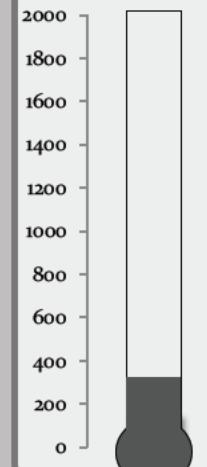
FY 2017
GOAL:
15 Sites

Volunteers



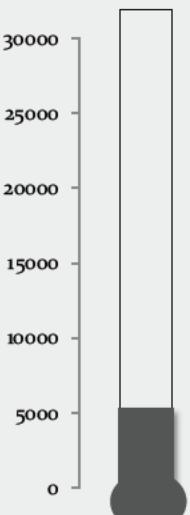
FY 2017
GOAL:
25,000
Volunteers
Updated quarterly

Partner-supported Youth Hires



FY 2017
GOAL:
2,000 Hires
Updated quarterly

EKiP Passes



FY 2017 (Year 2)
Challenge:
30,000 Passes
Updated monthly



National Conservation Lands Program Accomplishments Updated Quarterly

NM, NCAs & Related Designations					Wild & Scenic Rivers				
	# Complete	% Complete	ECD	Status		# Complete	% Complete	ECD	Status
Unit Plans	33	72%	FY2022		Unit Plans (CRMPs)	18	53%	TBD	
Science Plans	3	6%	TBD		Inventory & Monitoring of River Values	1,602 miles	66%	TBD	
Inventory	5.3 million Acres	55%	TBD		Boundary Data	5	7%	TBD	
Boundary Data	46	100%	Complete		Suitables to DOI	1 of TBD	Assessment in Progress	TBD	
RMIS Data	38	85%	TBD		Wilderness & Wilderness Study Areas				
Designated Manager	24	52%	TBD		Baseline Inventory (Performance Measure)	119 of 223	53%	2020	
Review Status	3	6.5%	FY2037 45		Annual Monitoring of Wilderness/WSA Character Acres	Reported at Mid year (Reported in Acres)	TBD	9/30/17	
National Scenic & Historic Trails									
Comprehensive Trail Management Plans for BLM Administered or Co administered Trails	2 of 3	66%	2017		Targets are submitted by states and verified by WO-400.				

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National Conservation Lands Unit Data (AK-ES) Updated Quarterly

State	Unit Name	Unit Plan (Y/N & date)	Science Plan (Y/N & date)	RMIS data	Full-Time Manager (Y/N)	Review Status
AK	Steese NCA	Y (1986)	N	Y	N AFM	TBD
AZ	Agua Fria NM	Y (2010)	Y (2013 – may not have been signed)	Y	Y	TBD
AZ	Gila Box Riparian NCA	Y (1998)	N	Y	N FM acting	TBD
AZ	Grand Canyon Parashant NM	Y (2008)	N	Y	Y	TBD
AZ	Ironwood Forest NM	Y (2013)	N	Y	N AFM	TBD
AZ	Las Cienegas NCA	Y (2004)	N	Y	N AFM	TBD
AZ	San Pedro Riparian NCA	N	N	Y	N FM acting	TBD
AZ	Sonoran Desert NM	Y (2012)	N	Y	N AFM	TBD
AZ	Vermilion Cliffs NM	Y (2008)	Y (2014)	Y	Y	TBD
CA	Berryessa Snow Mountain NM	N	N	N	Y	TBD
CA	California Coastal NM	Y (2005)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CA	Carrizo Plain NM	Y (2010)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CA	Fort Ord NM	Y (2007)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CA	Headwaters Forest Reserve	Y (2004)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CA	King Range NCA	Y (2005)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CA	Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station ONA	Y (2007)	N	Y	Y acting	TBD
CA	Mojave Trails NM	N	N	N	N new	TBD
CA	Sand to Snow NM	N	N	N	N new	TBD
CA	Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains NM	Y (2004)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CO	Browns Canyon NM	N	N	N	N interim	TBD
CO	Canyons of the Ancients NM	Y (2010)	N	Y	Y	TBD
CO	Dominguez Escalante NCA	N	N	Y	N dual duty	TBD
CO	Gunnison Gorge NCA	Y (2004)	Y (2013)	Y	N non manager POC	Action Plan in Development
CO	McInnis Canyons NCA	Y (2004)	Y (2012)	Y	N dual duty	TBD
ES	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA	Y (1995)	N	Y	Y	TBD

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National Conservation Lands Unit Data (ID-WA) Updated Quarterly

State	Unit Name	Unit Plan (Y/N & date)	Science Plan (Y/N & date)	RMIS data	Full-Time Manager (Y/N)	Review Status
ID	Craters of the Moon NM	Y (2006)	N	Y	N - AFM	Complete
ID	Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey NCA	Y (2008)	N	Y	Y	TBD
MT	Upper Missouri River Breaks NM	Y (2008)	N	Y	Y - acting	TBD
MT	Pompeys Pillar NM	Y (2015)	N	Y	Y	TBD
NM	El Malpais NCA	Y (2001)	N	Y	N - non-manager point of contact	TBD
NM	Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave NCA	Y (2013)	N	Y	Y	TBD
NM	Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks NM	Y (2007)	N	Y	Y - acting	TBD
NM	Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks NM	N	N	N	N - dual duty	TBD
NM	Prehistoric Trackways NM	Y (2014)	N	Y	N - dual duty	TBD
NM	Rio Grande del Norte NM	N	N	N	Y	TBD
NV	Basin and Range NM	N	N	N	Y - acting	TBD
NV	Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA	Y (2004)	N	Y	Y	TBD
NV	Red Rock Canyon NCA	Y (2005)	N	Y	N - FM	TBD
NV	Sloan Canyon NCA	Y (2006)	N	Y	N - AFM	TBD
OR	Steens Mountain CMPA	Y (2005)	Y	Y	Y - acting	TBD
OR	Yaquina Head ONA	Y (1982)	N	Y	Y	TBD
OR	Cascade-Siskiyou NM	Y (2008)	Y (2009 not signed)	Y	N - AFM	In progress
UT	Red Cliffs NCA	N	N	Y	N - dual duty	TBD
UT	Beaver Dam Wash NCA	N	N	Y	N - dual duty	TBD
UT	Grand Staircase-Escalante NM	Y (2000)	N	Y	Y	Complete
WA	San Juan Islands NM	N	N	Y	Y	TBD

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National Conservation Lands & Community Partnerships At a Glance

Chris McAlear

Assistant Director (WO-400)

May 2017

WO-400: National Conservation Lands & Community Partnerships Highlights

- Recreation Mapping Project/Drupal: The comprehensive interactive map has been completed and is available will be available on the visit us pages prior to launch.
- Nikki Moore and Janet Ady will help plan the Summit on Gateway Communities (tentatively, Fall 2017), hosted by The Conservation Fund and Scenic America. The summit will bring together key members from gateway communities to celebrate successes, their integral role in supporting public lands, and thriving rural landscapes in the towns and cities bordering our conservation areas.

WO-410: National Conservation Lands

- National Trails System Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 50th Anniversaries:
 - The combined Rivers and Trails Federal Leadership Team meets monthly and is comprised of BLM, USFS, NPS, and USFWS managers.
 - The BLM is contributing to the development of interagency River and Trail products, such as communication materials, 50th frameworks; and core messaging.. The video launch is scheduled for June 1.
 - The BLM is developing its own strategies based on the draft 50th interagency frameworks, including social media campaigns, sign plans, and events.

National Monuments & National Conservation Areas

- The National Monuments online training modules are being beta tested with release anticipated this summer.
- The NM/NCA FY 2016 annual Manager's Reports were due on December 31, 2016.
- The FY2017 Manager's Reports IM has been distributed.
- The National Monument program is currently working with the field to collect information for the review of National Monuments outlined in Executive Order 13792.

Wilderness

- The Wilderness Policy Council (executive-level reps. from the wilderness-managing agencies/USGS) approved the final version of the Wilderness 2020 Vision Implementation Plan in February.
- WO-410 staff are continuing to work with the states on posting WSA information on the website.

Wild & Scenic Rivers

- Products and projects in process for the Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) 50th Anniversary in 2018 include: a WSR 50th Toolkit, conference and event displays, fact-sheets, and a communication strategy.
- Alongside the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council, BLM is participating in the development of several inspirational videos and films.
- The Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council is working with USGS to show the National WSR System on USGS topo maps. The council is also working on an interagency database and map for wild and scenic study rivers. BLM representatives include Cathi Bailey,

Ilana Cohen, and GIS staff from the National Operations Center (NOC).

- Cathi Bailey participated in River Network's 2017 River Rally May 8-11; as well as the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council meeting on May 6-8.
- The Public Lands Foundation has decided to have the 50th anniversaries for Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Trails as the topic/theme for their 2018 Student Congress. Cathi Bailey is participating on their planning team.

National Scenic & Historic Trails

- The 10-year 7-agency National Trails System MOU is fully executed.
- Interagency National Trail Administrators' Roundtable will facilitate training and trail-wide development efforts. Planning for the FY17 meeting is underway and would occur in conjunction with the International Trails Symposium in Dayton, Ohio in May 2017. BLM will lead interagency Rivers and Trails exhibition booth management in the exhibit hall.
- WO-410 is working with the NOC on GIS concerns and depicting National Historic Trails on 1:100K maps. A NOC IM may be prepared to distribute the guidelines. The National Trails System Council may address GIS needs for the anniversary, including the BLM.

Science

- Fifty-seven projects were submitted for National Conservation Lands Scientific Studies Support Funding. The WO review process is complete. The field committee and National Conservation Lands state leads have been notified of the funding decisions.
- WO-400/410 continues to be an active member of the BLM National Science Committee and has a role leading/supporting many of the draft FY17 priorities.
- Three National Conservation Lands units have begun work on science plans: Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and Craters of the Moon National Monument.

WO-420: Education, Interpretation, and Partnerships Junior Ranger

- In conjunction with BLM State web leads, youth leads, and education leads, more than 25 field offices are using a new webpage template to highlight local education and recreation opportunities for youth, families, and local partnerships. More than 100 offices or sites are anticipated to participate in this effort upon completion. This is a critical step in achieving our goal of creating a recognizable and sustainable Junior Ranger Program.
- The National Operations Center worked with WO-420 to develop Junior Ranger banners and promotional templates. WO-420 created an Intranet page, http://web.blm.gov/wo-170/wo-172/junior_ranger, to make it easy for field offices to use these new tools.
- In partnership with the University of Colorado-Denver, WO-420 staff conducted a webinar on the BLMIS 20170106 00166 the Public Lands program. Twenty teachers will participate

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this summer, dedicating 150 hours to public land management activities and creating educational materials for local sites. The webinar reached more than 20 field staff members along with the teacher audience.

- A new middle school teaching guide in the BLM Classroom Investigation Series was posted on the Learn section of the BLM website. Citizen Voice in Land Use Decisions explains the BLM's mission and how the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 focused and shaped that mission. The unit's three activities introduce students to public lands, the history of the BLM's precursor agencies back to 1812, and how citizens can help influence land use decisions today.
- The BLM distributed 1,804 Every Kid in a Park (EKiP) passes in April, bringing the total for the school year to 5,298. WO-420 worked with Public Affairs to promote the BLM's EKiP activities on the BLM Daily (May 8 article) and on social media, including a Tumblr post. In addition, WO-420 developed a new item for its Intranet Toolkit for Educators, "How to Distribute EKiP Passes," which includes a helpful checklist along with an easily adaptable EKiP lesson plan developed by BLM-Montana Outdoor Recreation Planner Dena Sprandel-Lang.
- The interagency EKiP Steering Committee met in April to review tentative plans for the launch of Year 3, including design ideas for the new fourth grade pass as well as possible revisions on the EKiP brochure prior to reprinting. The team also discussed the need for better metrics, along with agency capacity to collect more meaningful metrics. Both Congress and DOI have been requesting such information.

21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC)/Public Lands Corps

- Tamara Neukam, WO-700/HR Policy, has joined the group working on a revision to BLM guidance on the BLM Public Lands Corps (PLC) program. The team, which also includes National Youth Program Lead Betsy Wooster, Miguel Aviles (WO-711), and Maria Gochis (WO-855), continued to work on the project, in anticipation of DOI HR issuing the revised Personnel Bulletin on the PLC hiring authority in late May, according to the latest schedule.
- On May 3, Betsy Wooster gave a brief presentation on the PLC Program and BLM partnerships with youth corps organizations as part of a DOI Career Day, organized by WO-280 and the Office of Recruitment and Retention Programs. Staff from the BLM, NPS, FWS, and other DOI agencies and partners participated, along with some 60 students from D.C. public high schools. BLM Acting Director Mike Nedd gave the welcoming address.

Volunteers

- The Division of Education, Interpretation, and Partnerships will honor eight winners at this year's BLM "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards on May 24 at 1:00 pm EDT at the Main Interior Building (Room 5071) and in seven states across the country (CA, CO, ID, NV, OR, UT and WY). All BLM offices hosting winners will present their

awards live via video teleconference. BLM Acting Director Mike Nedd and Chief of Staff of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Rich Cardinale are scheduled to offer remarks in person at Main Interior. Nikki Moore, Acting DAD-400, will serve as the ceremony host in Washington, D.C.

- FY 2017 BLM Volunteer Administration Training kicked off with the first course in Billings, Montana, on March 7-8, with 16 participants. The second course was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 2-3 with 26 participants. The third and final course offering of the year will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on June 7-8.
- An Information Bulletin requesting site nominations for National Public Lands Day (NPLD) was posted in late April, with a deadline of June 2. NPLD will be held on Saturday September 30, 2017.

Partnerships

- The Office of the Solicitor's Divisions of Land and Water Resources and General Law have reported completing their staff reviews of the final draft BLM donations policy. The policy is awaiting final review by Tim Murphy, head of General Law, who has committed to providing final comments by the end of May. Next and final steps include addressing any Solicitor comments before preparing a final version for Acting BLM Director signature.
- National Partnerships Program Lead Trevor Needham is addressing some final content gaps/issues within the draft Friends Partnership Toolkit, concluding a final cross-walk of the guidance against existing BLM policy, and making final edits prior to final issuance.
- Twenty-seven BLM managers and staff honed their skills in developing and managing partnership agreements, negotiating and communicating persuasively, and evaluating partnerships in the 2017 offering of the BLM's Managing by Network partnerships training program.